

REMARKS

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Species 1, illustrated in Fig(s). 1-4;

Species 2, illustrated in Fig(s). 5-7;

Species 3, illustrated in Fig(s). 8 and 9;

Species 4, illustrated in Fig(s). 10;

Species 5, illustrated in Fig(s). 11;

Species 6, illustrated in Fig(s). 12 and 13;

Species 7, illustrated in Fig(s). 14; and

Species 8, illustrated in Fig(s). 15.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Species 1, illustrated in Fig(s). 1-4, with traverse.

Claim(s) 1 to 7 are directed to the elected species. As acknowledged by the Examiner, at least claim(s) 1, 13 and 18 are generic. Therefore, the Examiner should provide an examination on claims 1 to 7, 13 and 18.

With regard to the non-elected claims, once a generic claim is found to be allowable, the non-elected claims should be rejoined in the present application and examined on the merits. If the Examiner persists in this Election of Species requirement, Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional application at a later date if it is so desired.

Favorable action on the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Paul C. Lewis, Registration No. 43,368 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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